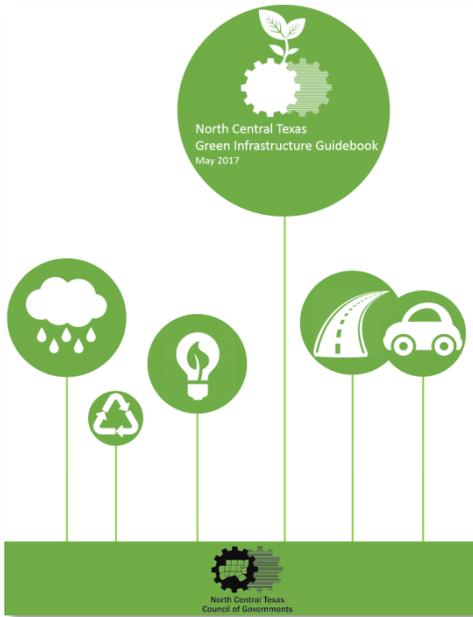


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The **North Central Texas Green Infrastructure Resource Guidebook** is now available!



The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) created this guidebook to aid city engineers, planners, developers, decision-makers, and other transportation and development professionals in assessing choices when integrating green infrastructure practices into roadway, sidewalk, parking lot, and trail projects. By examining the costs and benefits of these green practices, the guidebook aims to help provide key information related to the following factors:

1. Long-term cost effectiveness
2. Community improvement
3. Environmental impacts

**What's Included in the Guidebook?** The guidebook provides information about potential benefits, limitations and considerations, and available data for costs and life expectancies. The guidebook covers a myriad of green element topics, including: Energy-efficient LED and solar lighting; Green stormwater infrastructure elements; Green trail material and cool pavements; Recycled materials in roadways and trails; and Urban forestry and native plants.

To view the full guidebook, visit [www.nctcog.org/GreenInfrastructure](http://www.nctcog.org/GreenInfrastructure).

### Save the Date! Upcoming TMDL Coordination Committee Meeting



June 15, 9:30 a.m.  
TMDL Coordination Committee,  
*Metroplex Conference Room*

The TMDL Coordination Committee will convene to review and approve the annual Implementation Status Report, highlighting implementation efforts pursued by TMDL area stakeholders from 2014-2016.

NCTCOG will also be providing an overview of proposed TMDL technical subcommittee activities for FY2018.

Visit [www.nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.nctcog.org/TMDL) to view the agenda.



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### Benefits from Participation in the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) began the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative (SSOI) in 2004 with the goal of reducing the number of overflows that occur in Texas and to address sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) before they harm human health, safety and the environment.

Participating facilities are protected from formal enforcement actions for SSOs from areas of the system that are covered under the SSO Agreement and which do not have a significant impact to human health or the environment. The SSOI allows facilities to direct resources toward corrective actions, as opposed to having to pay penalties associated with enforcement in addition to corrective action.

For inclusion in the SSOI, participating facilities work with the Regional Office and the Enforcement Office to prepare, evaluate, and monitor compliance of the SSO Plan and Agreement. The SSO Plan includes:

- Description of causes of the SSOs
- Interim measures to mitigate effects of continued SSOs
- Length of the plan (not to exceed 10 years)
- Description of corrective measures and milestones
- Provisions for improvement of operation and maintenance program
- Timeline for milestone completion
- Description of the funding sources
- Provisions for evaluating effectiveness

Additional SSOI resources from a previous workshop coordinated by the TMDL I-Plan program can be found at [www.nctcoq.org/TMDL](http://www.nctcoq.org/TMDL) under the Workshops tab.

### NCTCOG to host Regional Med Take-Back Workshop



Join NCTCOG and the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) for the Regional Med Take-Back Workshop. This one day event will draw stakeholders from across the North Central Texas region to communicate and coordinate a regional solution to the challenges regarding proper drug disposal and take-back.

Visit [www.timetorecycle.com/medtakeback/](http://www.timetorecycle.com/medtakeback/) for more information and to register.

### Check out the Best Management Practices (BMP) Library!

*New resources recently added!*

With over **180** resources, the [TMDL BMP Library](#) offers a clearinghouse of best management practices for the strategies in the I-Plan. NCTCOG is always accepting more BMPs to add to the library. BMPs include:

Model ordinances, education and outreach templates, standard operating procedures, guidance documents, toolboxes, workshop presentations, case studies, funding opportunities, etc.

Please email suggestions to Rachel Evans, [REvans@nctcoq.org](mailto:REvans@nctcoq.org).



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Wastewater  
And  
Treatment  
Education  
Roundtable

### Be on the Lookout! 'Wipes Block Everything' Campaign

This June, the Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) will be launching the 'Wipes Block Everything' campaign in conjunction with the City of Dallas and the Defend Your Drains outreach efforts. The campaign aims to educate citizens on the negative impacts associated with flushing wipes down the toilet.

Be sure to visit the [NCTCOG Environment and Development Facebook Page](#) and share the 'Wipes Block Everything' social media posts on your own page! Posts will begin by mid-June.

For more information, visit [Defend Your Drains North Texas](#) or contact Cassidy Campbell at [ccampbell@nctcog.org](mailto:ccampbell@nctcog.org).

### What's Happening with TMDL I-Plan Implementation?

The TMDL technical subcommittees met during spring 2017 and performed a review and analysis of the current priority levels established for the I-Plan implementation strategies. The updated priority levels are captured in the first annual Implementation Status Report.

The technical subcommittees will begin meeting bi-annually to ensure continued engagement with the TMDL I-Plan program. Each TMDL technical subcommittee will be focusing on the development of a strategy-based project or program to assist with the implementation of priority strategies.

### The 2018 Doo The Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest is open!

Pet Waste is a health risk and water quality issue. Help us get the word out about the Doo the Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest and encourage communities to take the pledge to help keep people and pets healthy and our local waters clean!

Contact Allison Henry, [AHenry@nctcog.org](mailto:AHenry@nctcog.org), for a flyer to put on social media.

*[The 2017 Doo The Right Thing Calendars are also available online for download.](#)*



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### This Quarter's Featured TMDL Implementation Strategy

#### Implementation Strategy 4.0: Feral hog management

##### Goals of the Strategy:

- Arrange annual feral hog management workshops for TMDL area stakeholders
- Facilitate twice yearly forum of local municipalities and other agencies focused on feral hog control
- Encourage municipalities to adopt feral hog control programs
- Seek funding opportunities for feral hog management programs

Feral hogs are presenting increasing challenges to urban communities within the TMDL area. The large populations are not only destructive, causing property damage and infrastructure damage, but are a source of bacteria loading in TMDL area waterways through waste contributions and destabilization of riparian areas. The TMDL Coordination Committee and Stormwater Technical Subcommittee support the peer exchange of regional entities to engage in continual management strategies to curtail feral hog populations in both the urban and rural areas of North Texas, since wildlife populations do not follow jurisdictional boundaries.



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Local government roundtable discussion at the North Texas Urban Feral Hog Forum

Source: NCTCOG

To assist TMDL stakeholders in achieving the goals of this strategy, the TMDL I-Plan program coordinated the North Texas Urban Feral Hog Forum on May 1, 2017. The Forum convened over 50 stakeholders interested in engaging in collaborative management to help deal with the challenges associated with the growing urban feral hog populations. Presentations from the Forum are available at [www.nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.nctcog.org/TMDL) under the Workshops tab.

The TMDL Technical Stormwater Subcommittee and NCTCOG will continue to pursue the regional management of urban feral hog and will be hosting another roundtable discussion in late summer 2017 to define attainable goals and priorities for the near and long term future.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement bacteria TMDLs throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. To view the full I-Plan for Seventeen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region, or utilize available resources, visit [www.nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.nctcog.org/TMDL).